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World Airways

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Shareholder Request, Pan American World Airways, to Raise
Remains of 707 from Ocean Bottom

1. I called Robert Wick, Vice President, Audit and Security, Pan American World Airways, in response to his call to Mr. [REDACTED] At the 13 May shareholders' meeting attorney William A. Jennings of San Jose, California, demanded that Pan American face up to lifting a 707 aircraft that crashed off Tahiti in July 1973. Mr. Jennings, representing the estate of a passenger, had previously made the same request to the Director. The General Counsel advised him by telephone the only response to his query could be "no comment."

2. In making his demand at the shareholders' meeting, Mr. Jennings stated that he had first made the same request of CIA and later of Congress, the National Transportation Safety Board and ALCOA Sea Probe (or Sea World?) without success. Mr. Jennings also circulated letters containing his demands to corporation officials, shareholders and any other people who would take them.

3. I told Mr. Wick of our "no comment" response to Mr. Jennings' earlier query and said that we would appreciate being left out of his response to Mr. Jennings if possible. He agreed to do so, saying he could inform Jennings that Pan Am had made extensive inquiries and had confirmed to them by experts that raising of the craft, if it could be found, would be impossible. Incidentally, I should note for the record that in expressing his desire to do whatever we wished in this matter, Mr. Wick stated "you are number one in our book," a remark to be treasured these days.

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